

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

What to them is being able to cope for legitimate personal use? Would I have to go out and spend a few hundred dollars on a TIVO or something like it to be able to record things? There are other things I would like to spend my money on. like a bigger TV or upgrading my computer.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? But maybe we will need to buy something to make it work.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I really don't want to have to worry about something like that. I spend at least \$1000 a year on electronics and I would like to be able to use them to do what I want them to.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Maybe it won't at all, but maybe it won't because people will have to design workarounds to put in products which could drive the price of technology up, which I (and I would imagine most of the worlds consumers) do not like.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I have addressed that in Question 4. It won't cost anything extra to keep this out, but could very well drive up price if it is included. I don't want to have to pay more for something I don't want in the first place.

Other Comments:

The actions of a few kill the freedoms of the many. This is all about money. Put the flag on so people will have to buy more equipment to record things. I already will have to buy a few HDTV converters in a year or two for the TV's in my house. I want to spend my money on things that I want, not equipment that replaces the working equipment that I have already.